

## ROOT CROPS ARE MOST IMPORTANT

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### RADISHES NEED SMALL SPACE

Rich, Well-Prepared Soil Is Essential and Good Seed Should Be Used—Paranips and Safety Serve Attention.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Root crops most commonly grown in home gardens are radishes, beets, carrots, parsnips, salsify, and turnips. Of these beets and carrots stand at the head of the list from the standpoint of food value from a given area of land, but it would be difficult to state which of the root crops really is the most important, say garden specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Radishes are among the first garden crops to be planted in spring and a very small space is required to produce all that is needed by the average family. The soil should be loose, mellow, and very rich, so the radishes will grow quickly and be crisp and tender. Radish seeds should be planted in a shallow furrow and covered about one-half inch deep. Two or three varieties should be planted in order to have a continuous supply. French Breakfast and Scarlet Globe Turnip are among those which mature in the shortest period, while Long Scarlet Short-Top and Long Vienna are ready for use later.

Plant Beets Early.

Garden beets can be planted almost as soon as the soil can be worked in a spring. Rich soil that is well prepared is essential. Commercial fertilizers and well-rotted manure are the best to supply plant food, but should be very thoroughly mixed with the soil. Egyptian and Detroit Dark Red are among the leading varieties. Sow the seed in a shallow drill, 1 ounce of seed to 50 feet of drill, and cover about 1 inch deep. When the plants have come well established thin so they do not crowd. A little later a second thinning, leaving the plants standing 4 to 5 inches apart in the row. Use the thinning as greens. The round or turnip type of beets mature in 60 to 70 days, while the longer ones require 100 to 120 days to complete their growth.

It is an old saying, "Carrots for beauty and beets for strength," and while this can not be taken literally it has a great amount of truth in it. From the standpoint of the diet, carrots are very important in the health and culture of life is so simple that any gardener can grow them. Rich, well-

## MANY WAYS IN WHICH PEANUTS ARE USEFUL

During Cold Weather Goobers Are Drug on Market.

Increased Consumption and Higher Prices Looked For With Coming of Spring—Fed to Hogs in Southern States.

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Peanuts are a drug on the market just now. That's because they are not eaten largely in cold weather, but with the coming of the spring, and the opening of summer resorts, peanut shippers look for increased consumption, which may mean higher prices. In round figures, 900,000,000 pounds of peanuts are grown in the United States every year and 100,000,000 pounds were imported from Asia last year. About 5,000,000 pounds of roasted peanuts are consumed annually, say marketing experts of the bureau of markets, United States Department of Agriculture.

Few of the food crops and manures used by Johnnie or Mary a bag of peanuts at the circus that more than 100 different methods of utilizing peanuts, including the making of fancy dyes and wood stains, peanut milk, coffee, and ice cream have been devised, although few of these products are sold commercially. But peanut oil, peanut candy, peanut butter, salted peanuts, peanut cookies, roasted peanuts, and peanuts in a number of other forms run up the annual American per capita consumption to three and one-half pounds. Every time certain crops are used the consumer is partaking of his three and one-half pounds.

Fully half of the peanuts grown in the Southern States are fed to hogs. Some 75 per cent went to Canada, where the peanut enjoys popularity with the cow. Cuba took 14 per cent, Jamaica 2 per cent, and Bermuda 1 per cent.

## FEEDING VALUE OF GARBAGE

Affords Hog Well-Balanced Ration and Supplementary Feeds Are Not Necessary.

Most garbage is of such variety that it enables a hog to balance its ration so that supplementary feeds are not required. In some cases, however, the animals are finished off on corn, barley, wheat middlings, and similar feed just before they are marketed. The feeding value of garbage, however, especially carefully selected garbage, is such that it is seldom economical to use any additional grain supplement. However, when grain is low in price, good results might be obtained by feeding garbage alone during the summer months, when the animals are in the large production, and finishing the hogs on grain. Greater gains per day can be made on a plain supplement, but at the same time the cost when garbage is fed alone.

During the first spring work many hogs suffer from sore shoulders. Great care should be taken that these do not get a start.

Good collars and good care are essential. See that the collars are thoroughly scoured, and then rubbed clean and dusted with talcum powder or powdered borax. Rub the hogs' shoulders with the hands, and for the first few days of heavy work, bathe them every evening with cold salt water. Afterwards, bathe once or twice a week. More should be done in the case of hogs that are used for pulling.

This is an instance where an ounce of prevention is worth several pounds of cure.

## BEST ORCHARD CULTIVATION

If Interplanting Is Practiced It Is Better to Grow Some Crop Like Strawberries.

The orchard should be kept clean. The best practice is to cultivate, not deep but shallow, in order not to disturb the roots, and not too close to the trees, for the same reason. If interplanting is to be practiced it is better to grow some crop like strawberries between the trees, or to plant bush fruits, and keep the remainder of the ground cultivated, than to permit grass and weeds to get a start.

## TO PRODUCE QUALITY FRUIT

Soil Must Have Most Careful Attention When Trees Are Planted Close Together.

Care planted trees are going to need every favor possible in the way of the soil handled in order to continue to produce quality fruit. The reason for this, for the most part, that interplanting is to be discouraged unless the soil is unusually rich or constant application of the proper fertilizers is made.

Geese Easy to Handle.

Geese, under favorable conditions, are the easiest of all domestic fowls to handle in the pasture. They are provided with water the geese may be left to themselves half or more of each year.

Get Soil Ready for Melons.

In planting watermelons it is a good idea to get the land in order early and to get the manure where the hills are to be, so as to get it well soaked before planting time.

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